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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 121 appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/63/638.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 42nd and 55th meetings, on 13 May and 25 June 2009. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/63/SR.42 and 55).

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee on Conferences;[1]

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on action taken to improve the timely submission of documents for the Fifth Committee (A/63/735);

(c) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/63/746, sect. II);

(d) Letter dated 9 April 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/63/830).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/63/L.49

4. At its 55th meeting, on 25 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Timely submission of documents" (A/C.5/63/L.49), submitted by the

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 32A* (A/63/32/Add.1).

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Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Austria.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/63/L.49 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Timely submission of documents

The General Assembly,

Recalling section IV, paragraph 12, of its resolution 63/248 of 24 December 2008,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on action taken to improve the timely submission of documents for the Fifth Committee[1] and the related reports of the Committee on Conferences[2] and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on action taken to improve the timely submission of documents for the Fifth Committee;[1]

2. *Welcomes* the report of the Committee on Conferences;[2]

3. *Reiterates* the importance of the timely issuance of documents for the Fifth Committee;

4. *Welcomes* the progress achieved so far by the task force concerning the timely issuance of documents for the Fifth Committee on peacekeeping financing;

5. *Notes with concern* the lack of conference services being provided to the Human Rights Council, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Council, as a subsidiary body of the General Assembly, is provided with all necessary conference services to support its activities, including the universal periodic review;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services with a review of the circumstances that led to insufficient conference services being put at the disposal of the Human Rights Council in 2009 and to present its recommendations to the General Assembly at the main part of its sixty-fourth session in order to avoid similar situations;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to maintain the support to major groups participating in the 2009 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, to be held in Geneva.

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[1] A/63/735.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 32A* (A/63/32/Add.1).

[3] A/63/746, sect. II.